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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 15257

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR XF IS VS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GVN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE

REF: TEL AVIV 6608

1. MFA REGARDS NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE VISIT AS ROUTINE AND IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS YEARS' VISITS BY NDC DELEGATIONS TO WESTERN COUNTRIES INCLUDING, MFA OFFICIAL SAID, ISRAEL. MFA CLEARLY DOES NOT VIEW VISIT IN CONTEXT OVERALL GVN DIPLOMATIC POSTURE IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. GVN'S INTERESTS WILL BE WELL SERVED BY CLOSER RELATIONS WITH GOI. HOWEVER, BELIEVE EMBASSY MIGHT USEFULLY MAKE CLEAR TO GOI NATURE OF SAIGON'S INTEREST IN RELATIONS WITH MODERATE RPT MODERATE ARAB AND PERSIAN GULF STATES. THE GVN IS IN A DIPLOMATIC BATTLE WITH THE HANOI-SPONSORED QUOTE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) UNQUOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND PRESTIGE AND U.S. IS SUPPORTING GVN IN THIS EFFORT. AN ISRAELI MOVE WHICH WOULD WEAKEN GVN APPEAL TO REMAINDER OF MIDDLE EAST WOULD DISTRESS THE GVN AND WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO OUR PURPOSES HERE. WE HOPE THEREFORE THE GOI WILL TAKE CARE TO PLAY THE NDC VISIT IN LOW KEY.

3. DELAY IN OPENING EMBASSY IN ISRAEL IS INDEED A RESULT OF
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GVN REASSESSMENT ITS OVERALL POSITION IN MIDDLE EAST.

ESTABLISHMENT RESIDENT MISSIONS IN JORDAN AND KUWAIT SIMILARLY
DELAYED . (MEMCON THIS SUBJECT POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES ON JULY 25.)
WORKING LEVEL MFA HAS NO IDEA WHEN REASSESSMENT WILL BE
COMPLETE, BUT SAY IT IS BEING CONDUCTED AT HIGHEST LEVELS.
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